Matthew 6:19-34 Commandments of Jesus regarding - Priorities

Treasures of Value

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Lightness / Darkness

²² "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Loyalties

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Anxieties of Life

Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Commandments regarding Treasures [Matthew 6:19-21]

- Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth.
 - ♦ There, moth and rust will destroy, and thieves do break in and steal.
- ♣ Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven.
 - ♦ There, neither moth or rust destroys, and thieves do not break in and steal.
 - ♦ Your real security is in Heaven, which is eternal.
 - ♦ Where you place your focus and priorities, demonstrates where your heart is, which is a true revelation of the character of the inner man.
 - ♦ Your focus is either on things of the earth, or on things eternal.

Teaching regarding Lightness / Darkness [Matthew 6:22-23, Luke 11:33-36]

- The lamp of the body is the eye.
 - ♦ If your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. [Matthew 6:22, Luke 11:34]
 - ♦ If your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. [Matthew 6:23, Luke 11:34]
 - ♦ If the light in you is darkness, how great is that darkness. [Matthew 6:23]
 - ♦ Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. [Luke 11:35]

- ❖ Two people may look at the same scene, one sees beauty and goodness, the other sees ugliness and wickedness.
- ♦ One may see a person for whom Christ died, who is worth saving from the terrible consequence of sin, who needs to be loved, cleaned up, fed, and taught the Good News of Jesus, God's plan of Salvation.
- ♦ Another may see the same person as a revolting, disgusting, offensive, foul sinner, one to be avoided and shunned.
- ♦ The perception depends on the attitude of the beholder.
- ♦ To the pure, all things are pure; [Titus 1:15]
- ♦ But to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. [Titus 1:15-16]
- ❖ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things. [Philippians 4:8]
- ♦ Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. [Matthew 5:8]
- ♦ Jesus sat and ate with Publicans and sinners, to seek and save the lost. [Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:14-17, Luke 5:27-32]
- ♦ The Pharisees condemned Jesus for doing so. [Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:14-17, Luke 5:27-32] Teaching regarding Loyalties to Values and Priorities [Matthew 6:24]
 - No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (avarice).

Commandments regarding Anxieties of Life [Matthew 6:25-34, Luke 12:22-34]

- Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, drink, or wear.
 - ❖ Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
 - ♦ God values mankind greater than birds of the air.
 - ♦ Worrying will not add one cubit to your stature.
- The Consider the lilies of the field which quickly die, are more glorious than Solomon in all his glory.
 - ❖ If God so clothes the grass of the field which is quickly destroyed, will He not much more clothe you?
- Therefore, do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat," or "What shall we drink," or "What shall we wear."
 - ♦ Those are the things the Gentiles seek.
 - ♦ Your Father knows that you need all these things.
- **P** Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
 - ♦ And all these things shall be added to you.
- Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow. [Matthew 6:34]
 - ♦ For tomorrow will worry about its own things.
 - ♦ Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.
- Do not fear, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. [Luke 12:33-34]
 - ♦ Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.
 - **♦** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.